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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Thursday, March 24, 2016 10:30 a.m. Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Tom Barrett.

Members present: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Whiteford, Rutledge, Talabi, and LaGrand.

Members absent: None.

The Chair laid HR 255 before the committee:

HR 255 (Barrett) A resolution to declare March 20-26, 2016, as Brain Injury Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

Chairman Barrett explained substitute (H-2) to the committee.

Representative Whiteford moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HR 255.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Whiteford, Rutledge, Talabi, and LaGrand.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The following people testified in support of HR 255:

John Russell, CEO Center for Neurological Studies (CNS).

Major Melvin H. Patton, Ret., CNS Board of Directors.

Les Croyle, Veterans of Foreign Wars National Council Member.

Randall Benson MD, Vice President and Co-Founder of CNS.

Todd Nadeau MA LLP, Clinical Therapist CNS.

Jeffrey Leighton, Director of Cognitive Research, CNS.

John Cornack, President, Eisenhower Center.

Jim Cowper, President, Contract Professionals, Inc.

Thomas Laboda, Director of Business Development, Waltonen Engineering Inc.

Adam Ingrao and Dylan Thomas, representing the Farmer Veteran Coalition-Michigan.
Michael F. Dabbs, representing the Brain Injury Association of Michigan.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HR 255, but did not wish to speak:

Steve Kozera, Legion Liaison, representing the Michigan Department of Veterans Affairs.
Jack G. Devine, representing the Vietnam Veterans of America.
Lino Prietto, representing the Purple Heart.
Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion.

Representative Rutledge moved to report HR 255 as substitute (H-2), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Whiteford, Rutledge, Talabi, and LaGrand.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:56 a.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
March 24, 2016
1 hour 26 minutes

Date Approved and Signed